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In re Application of:

Connie Blackburn *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/512,838

Filed: February 25, 2000

For: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
BILLING A PREDETERMINED  
TELEPHONE LINE FOR SERVICE  
UTILIZED BY A CALLING PARTY**

) Group Art Unit: 2643  
) Examiner: Tran, Q.  
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Enclosed please find a Petition for Refund of Paid 3 Month Extension of Time Fee including Exhibit A and Exhibit B for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,  
HAVERSTOCK & OWENS LLP

Dated: October 15, 2004

By: Thomas B. Haverstock  
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Applicant hereby petitions for refund of three month extension of time fee for the following reasons:

1. The Office mailed a Final Office Action on April 16, 2004. Within the Final Office Action, a shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire 3 months from the mailing date.
2. Applicant filed an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action on June 1, 2004, which was within the 2 month time frame for receiving an Advisory Action from the Office. Exhibit A includes a copy of the Certificate of Mailing showing the mailing date to be June 1, 2004. Exhibit B includes a copy of the return receipt postcard showing that the Office received the Applicant's Amendment and Response to Final Office Action on June 3, 2004.
3. The Applicant has spoken with the Examiner via telephone and requested the current status of the Advisory Action, the current status of the Application, and the current

disposition of the claims, in light of the pending 6 month statutory period for reply. As of October 15, 2004, the current status of the Advisory Action, the current status of the Application, and the current disposition of the claims remains unknown.

4. To reply within the 6 months maximum statutory period for reply and to avoid abandonment of the application, on October 15, 2004, the Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and paid the 3 month extension of time fee, \$980.00.
5. The Applicant requests a refund of the paid 3 month extension of time fee, \$980.00, as it is due to the lack of an Advisory Action from the Office that delayed a reply from the Applicant beyond the 3 month shortened statutory period for reply.

Dated: 10-15-04

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*Continuation of AVALUC-00301 (37 CFR § 1.53(a))*

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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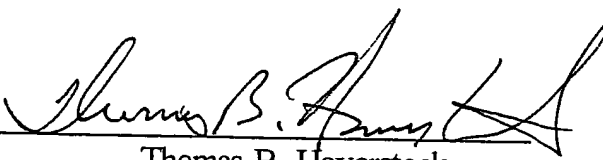
Enclosed please find an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 16, 2004 for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

HAVERSTOCK & OWENS LLP

Dated: June 1, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8(a))

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# **EXHIBIT B**



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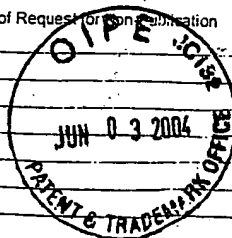
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Serial No.: 09/512,338 H&O File No.: AVAWC-00351 By: TBH  
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